

## Plan to Improve Roads Promptly

County Commissioners, Township  
Officials and Citizens Confer;  
Necessity for Immediate  
Action Shown

### WORK ON WORST PLACES PROPOSED

Committees Appointed to Make In-  
spection; Problem of Lake East  
of Town Considered; Sur-  
veyor to Suggest Plan

At a meeting held at the court house Saturday evening and attended by Commissioners Corzine, Robinson and Bryant, together with members of the township board and a number of citizens, the problem of immediate improvement of the roads in this vicinity was discussed and some special attention was directed to conditions caused by the large lake that has formed east and southeast of town.

The meeting was called by W. W. Clark, secretary of the Commercial and Farm Bureau, at the request of Commissioner Robinson, who had discovered that some township funds were available for road purposes and must be used before July 1 or be converted into next year's funds. Representatives of the bureau were present and officers of the Retailers' association were also in attendance.

Mr. Robinson explained the object of the meeting, showing the necessity of "getting busy" at once in order that the township funds might be used and the roads in this vicinity put in passable condition. "Our object is simply to get action on the matter at once," said Mr. Robinson. "My idea is that all the funds available, together with what the merchants have on hand, should be spent before the first of July. The county will look after the repairing of the bridges but the commissioners can do nothing in the way of road work except to encourage the township board to do everything possible and co-operate with the citizens in their efforts."

Mr. Robinson's ideas met with general approval but it soon developed that there was some uncertainty as to the amount of township funds available. Mr. White, the township treasurer, stated that a number of unpaid warrants were outstanding and he was unable, without his books, to say exactly how much of the amount levied last year was unexpended. After considerable discussion, on motion of Ben F. Johnson, it was decided to have the Merchants' association and the Commercial and Farm Bureau appoint committees to make an immediate inspection of the roads in the township, picking out the places where work is most urgently needed, and after their report is made to proceed at once with such funds as might be found on hand. It was agreed that teams and men to do the work would have to be found in town as the farmers are too busy to do the work at this time. It was stated, however, that the road supervisors were willing to take time to attend to the work.

Early in the meeting the condition east of town where for several weeks water has covered a large section of the old road leading to the toll bridge and has spread over hundreds of acres of farm land, was pointed out. J. H. Griffin, who is one of the land owners in that section, said he with others interested was willing to join the city and county in drainage work but as the city would be a large beneficiary he did not think the land owners should bear the entire expense. F. E. Moore of the Moore Grain Co., said the condition was such that farmers could not come to town from the east and would be forced to market their grain elsewhere, unless something were done. Difference of opinion developed as to the best method of going about the drainage work. Finally on suggestion of Ben F. Johnson, a committee consisting of Messrs. Griffin, Moore and J. D. Chastain, with Mayor Coffman and the city street and alley committee, was appointed to determine what should be done and County Engineer Cranwell was requested to make a survey of the land to determine the best method of drainage. It is expected that some plan of action will be formulated within the next few days.

Members of the committee appointed to make an inspection of the roads assembled to start on their work Sunday morning but were compelled to postpone operations on account of the rain. They planned to get busy on the job.

M. E. Humphrey was among those who pointed out the unusual condition of the roads. He said it would be impossible for farmers to haul wheat to Chickasha if the roads were not improved.

## GERARD TO GET REPLY JULY 5 OR 6

By United Press.

Berlin, June 28.—It is understood that the reply of the German government to the last American note will be delivered to Ambassador Gerard on July 5 or 6.

Officials say the reply will be in a form which nobody in the United States can object to. It is said that it will contain a suggestion which, if adopted by President Wilson, will end the German-American controversy.

May Ask Special Session.

By United Press.

Washington, June 28.—Cotton growers, meal packers and others are preparing to ask a special session of congress to lay munitions embargo if England does not stop interfering with United States vessels.

Reports come from Ambassador Gerard stating that "favorable progress" is being made in the German reply to America's note.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Saturday afternoon in the county court, cases charging unlawful possession of liquor were filed against Tom Bennett and Clyde Hendricks, both of Rush Springs. Hendricks made bond.

The cases are the result of arrests made Friday night by Deputies Hugh Hogue and Oscar Dryden of Rush Springs. It is claimed that the defendants were caught with a barrel of beer, two gallons of whiskey and one gallon of alcohol.

DEATH AT DIBBLE.

Clyde, the 15-year-old son of Mrs. M. L. Lockridge of Dibble, died Friday evening. Funeral services were held from Claycomb & Anderson's undertaking parlors Saturday afternoon, Rev. Rouse officiating.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
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Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, showers and thunderstorms in east portion.

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Local Temperature.  
During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m.

Maximum ..... 83  
Minimum ..... 64  
Rain yesterday, .54 inch.

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RAILROAD ITEMS.  
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Rock Island.  
L. D. Richards, formerly general foreman here, now master mechanic in Little Rock, Ark., spent Sunday in Chickasha.

B. L. Wheatley, master mechanic in Ft. Worth, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Adler Lamberson, assistant time-keeper in the master mechanic's office, spent Sunday in Duncan.

J. E. McCune, boiler foreman, went to Oklahoma City on business today.

R. P. Mape of Des Moines, Ia., Rock Island refrigerator service inspector, is in Chickasha today.

L. W. Anderson, western weighing inspector, is in the city on business.

## READY TO SUPPRESS A REVOLT

Villa Prepared to Resist Huerta  
Invasion to Last Man; Strong  
Evidence Against Former  
Dictator Intimated

### AMERICANS MIXED UP IN WAR PLOT

More Arrests are Expected; Finan-  
ciers in the U. S. Supposed to  
Be Involved in the  
Huerta Scheme

By United Press.

El Paso, Tex., June 28.—Villa now has a good force of picked men eighty miles from Juarez, following reports of a possible revolt of his garrison at Juarez and Huerta's plot to invade Mexico. He says he will fight any Huerta invasion to the last man.

Huerta saw but few guests today at his daughter's home, where he is staying. He is apparently trying to avoid strengthening the suspicions of the United States officials against him.

Collector of Customs Cobb intimates that he has the strongest kind of evidence against Huerta. It is denied that the border patrol has been increased or martial law declared at Juarez.

Uneasiness at El Paso.

By United Press.

El Paso, June 28.—Great uneasiness is felt here over the possibility of a revolt of the Villista garrison at Juarez. They are reported to have been bribed as a part of Huerta's alleged revolutionary plan.

Huerta is still at his daughter's house following his release on bond on the charge of inciting revolution. Orozco, who was arrested with him, was also released.

American Backers?

By United Press.

Washington, June 28.—The federal grand jury of west Texas will consider not only the Huerta and Orozco cases but also all their alleged American financial backers and men who were to furnish ammunition.

It is likely that the largest probe of violation of neutrality in the history of the United States will develop.

Gunboat Going to Vera Cruz.

By United Press.

Washington, June 28.—The U. S. gunboat Marietta is enroute to Vera Cruz and has been ordered to proceed to Progreso.

Carranzistas there are reported to be showing a tendency to interfere with shipments of steel to the United States.

More Arrests to Follow.

By United Press.

El Paso, June 28.—The department of justice is to make more arrests of Mexicans and Americans involved in the war plot. Special Agent Deckhan of Fort Worth announced.

He says the Americans live in Texas, but would not confirm the reports that New York bankers were included in the plot.

Deckhan says that he can prove Huerta and Orozco conspired to invade Mexico, using some forces gathered from the American side.

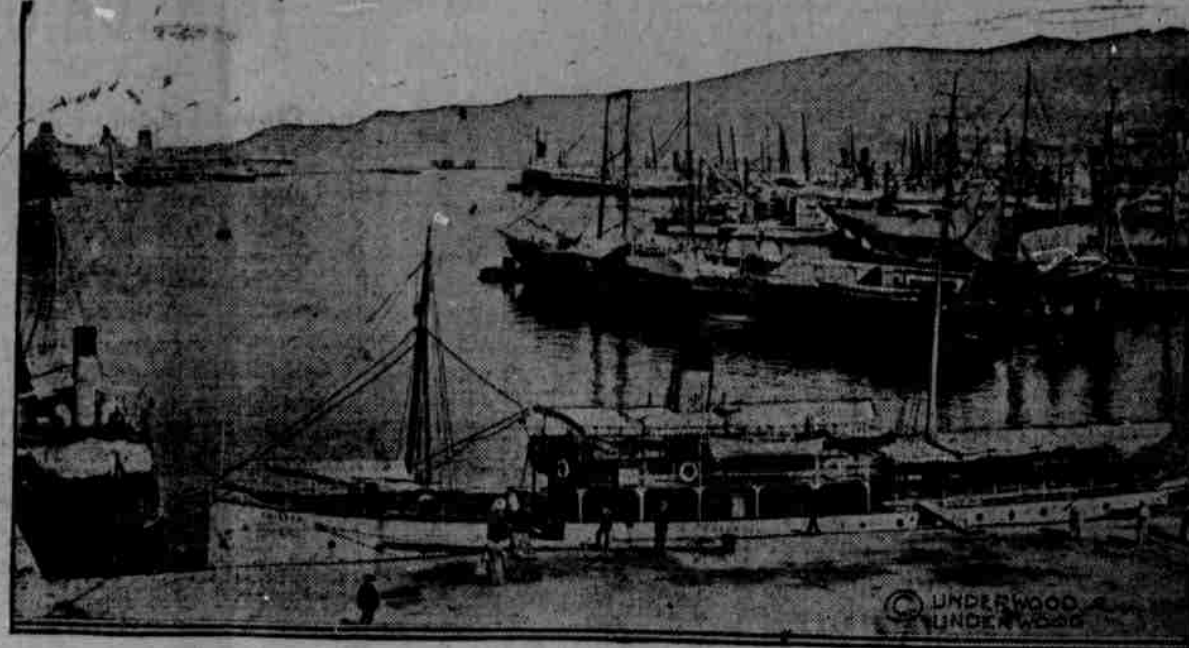
Close watch is being kept on Huerta and Orozco and it is believed that the plot is broken up.

### Retail Merchants in Meeting Tonight

Tonight at the office of the association, the Retail Merchants will meet in their last session before the big do-in is pulled here on July 3-4. All members are urged to be present, as the final arrangements will be made tonight, and a program of the events will be scheduled definitely.

A letter was received today by the secretary from J. Hector Worden, the aviator, who is to put on the aeroplane flights. He stated that he would arrive in Chickasha tomorrow afternoon. Also propositions for at least one other attraction will be brought before the meeting tonight.

### TRIESTE BOMBARDED BY THE ITALIANS



View of the harbor of Trieste, the capital of Istria, which the Italian artillery has begun to bombard from a point near the mouth of the Isonzo river.

## ENDS OWN LIFE WITH A BULLET

Ninnekah Rural Mail Carrier is  
Found Dead and All Evidence  
Points to Suicide; Possi-  
ble Cause of Deed

Sunday morning at his home in Ninnekah, E. D. O'Brien, a rural mail carrier of that place, was found dead with a bullet hole through his brain, the shot having been fired by his own hand, according to every scrap of evidence that could be unearthed.

The bullet had entered the right side of his head just above the temple, had passed entirely through the brain and had made an exit on the left side of the skull, toward the rear. The deceased was lying on his back with his head turned to the right and resting on the wound made by the entrance of the bullet. His body was resting on his bed, the head but a few inches from the wall. He was fully dressed, and the gun, a 32 calibre automatic, was lying at his right side rather in the hollow of his arm. Apparently he had died without a struggle. As far as was discovered this morning he left no note of explanation as to reasons he lay have had for his rash act.

About two weeks ago his wife and four children left for a visit with relatives in Wichita Falls. A telegram telling of the tragedy brought them home yesterday. In connection with the alleged suicide, and given as a possible cause, a report has been circulated to the effect that early last week a Ninnekah woman claimed to neighbors that O'Brien had made advances toward her.

It is said that her husband was away at the time and that she stated that one day last week when O'Brien delivered her mail, he asked her if she was "batching," to which she replied in the affirmative. The report of her story states that that evening O'Brien appeared at her door and said he had come over to "sit up until bed time."

The screen was locked and he could not get in, the woman is reported to have said. She stated to him that it was already bed time and refused to allow his entrance. She is also reported to have spent the night at the home of a neighbor, O'Brien presumably returning to his home.

It is said that the woman wired her husband and that he came within a day or two, also that the action of O'Brien was reported to the department.

O'Brien stated to parties in Ninnekah that he entered the house on the evening in question, but merely called as a neighbor and asked the woman if she would like some fresh buttermilk.

Saturday evening in conversation with Jim Mutz, O'Brien appeared to be decidedly despondent, talked of losing his job, etc. Mutz stated that he tried to cheer O'Brien and asked him to come over to the Mutz home and spend the night. O'Brien refused, but made no reference to the possibility of taking his own life. Sunday morning, however, found him dead, and though county officials made an investigation, the traces of suicide were so plain and everyone seemed of one opinion, that death was caused by suicide, that no inquest was held.

O'Brien was in Chickasha on Thursday and again on Saturday. On Thursday he purchased the gun with which he ended his life. Whether or not he then contemplated suicide or whether he purchased the gun for his own protection, thinking possible trouble might arise, is not known. On Saturday afternoon O'Brien purchased a suit of clothes of the Eagle Mercantile company, paying \$5 on the suit and having the balance charged.

## FRUSTRATE ATTEMPT OF ENEMY

Grand Duke Prevents Austro-Ger-  
mans from Piercing Russian  
Line; Fall Back Southeast  
of Lemberg

Petrograd, June 28.—The grand duke was successful in frustrating the Austro-German attempt to pierce the Russian line between Lemberg and Braxany.

It is officially admitted that the Russians fell back along a 30 mile front southeast of Lemberg, but their forces were withdrawn to Zaravno and the line was kept intact. In this way the Austro-German trap was avoided.

Germans Levy Assessments.

Berlin, June 28.—The Germans have levied \$30,000 each in assessments on the French towns of Roubaix and Valenciennes. This was done as a retaliation for the French air attacks on the German consulate in Turkey, it is claimed in an official dispatch.

French Advance on Colmar.

Paris, June 28.—The Germans are alarmed at the French advance on Colmar. They have hastily sent reinforcements into Alsace, to repulse the attacks on the Meuse heights, Metzeral. It is reported that a full in the fighting is evidenced elsewhere.

A report from London states that the steamers Indriani and Luciana were torpedoed, but that their crews are safe.

German-British Air Fight.

London, June 28.—Eye witness reports say that a German aviator attacked a British birdman, high over the uplands.

Guns were used freely by both. The oil tank of the British machine was pierced by a bullet and the whole British machine became a mass of flames. The skillful aviator, however, volplaned safely to earth.

Italians Bomb Cattaro.

Rome, June 28.—Serious damage was done to fortifications and docks when Italian aeroplanes bombed Cattaro, according to messages received here today from Scutari.

Observe Anniversary.

Vienna, June 28.—Germany and Austria are today observing the first anniversary of the killing of the Austrian archduke, which started the world war. Emperor Josef attended special church services today, observed at the battle fronts.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

Saturday afternoon marriage licenses were issued from the office of the county judge and court clerk, to Chas. Gosnell, aged 22, Lindsay, and Miss Emma Riley, aged 18, Lindsay. A. J. Ferguson, aged 30, Sylvia, Kan., and Miss Alma May Lancaster, aged 20, Chickasha.

## 4 SUNDAY SERVICES ARE HELD

A Number of Professions at the  
Sunday School Hour; House  
Again Crowded at the  
Evening Service

### TOTAL ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH 29

Appeal is Made to Christians at  
Morning Hour; "Value of the  
Soul," Subject of Address  
to Men

There were four services at the First Baptist church yesterday. At the Sunday school hour there were a number of professions, and the morning service was somewhat interfered with by the rain, but there was a good congregation present. The afternoon service to men was one in which men were given an earnest appeal to value their souls above all things else. The evening services were attended by a crowded house. There were three additions to the church at the morning hour and two at the evening service, making 29 additions in all during the meeting. The sermon Saturday night was based upon Rev. 3:20, and the subject was "God's Call to the Soul."

Sunday Morning.  
The service Sunday morning was one in which the preacher made an appeal to Christians to put first things first. The theme was, "Love of God," based on the question of Jesus to Peter when he said, "Lovest thou me?" Dr. Scarborough said:

"Jesus has a right to ask us this question. If we are his we owe him supreme loyalty. We should never tire of waiting on him. My dear old mother was staying with me a week. Every meal I would take her by the arm and lead her to the table, she was so feeble. She said, 'Son, don't you get tired of waiting on me?' I said, 'Mother, how can I ever grow weary of serving you? You went down into the jaws of death for me. I find my highest pleasure in serving you.' My friends, if you love Christ, you will never grow tired of serving him."

"This question of love to Jesus will solve many other questions. It decides the question of contentment. It decides the question of prayer. My little boy came to my study one morning to ask me something. I did not think it best for him and told him no. Finally he turned and went out. He closed the door to the study and then opened it again, and through the crack in the door he said, 'Remember that Warren loves daddy.' I said, 'Yes, and you can get what you want.' Oh how it delights the Savior to give what his children want. It decides the question of power."

Sunday Afternoon.  
The theme Sunday afternoon was "The True Value of the Soul," based on the question of Jesus, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" The speaker said:

"I. We need to revalue our souls. Nothing but the calculus of calvary can ascertain the true value of the soul. I was spending the time in the home of a rich cowman 40 miles from the railroad. He was holding his little grand child in his arms. I said, 'How much would you take for her?' He said, as he looked at his wife, 'How much? Oh, we would give every cow on this ranch, every bit of the furniture in this home, and everything in the world we possess.' Then he told me how that a short time before the child had been sick. It was before the days of automobile. The doctor was phoned for, and came in his buggy forty miles. When he examined the child, he found she had diphtheria. In two hours he was putting anti-toxin into that child. It meant that there were two dead horses and a mighty tired man, for the trip had to be made to the town 40 miles away and back, but the child was saved."

"2. Men are in great danger; they will lose their souls in the pursuit of their pleasure. It is sad to lose health, good name, the mind, but it is an awful thing to lose the soul. Men are going down to hell today in pursuit

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